

### **Naval Criminal Investigative Service**

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### **Operations Security and the Operation Order**

Tab C (OPSEC) to Appendix 3 (IO) of Annex C (Operations) of the OPORD is the OPSEC tab. This tab implements the recommended COA for OPSEC. It details specific OPSEC tasks to be performed and specifies coordinating instructions for the control and management of OPSEC tasks.

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## **Psychological Operations**

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### **Description**

At the strategic level, PSYOP may take the form of political or diplomatic positions, announcements or communiques. At the operational level, PSYOP can include the distribution of leaflets, radio and television broadcasts, and other means of transmitting information that provides information intended to influence a selected group. It may be used to encourage enemy forces to defect, desert, flee, surrender or take any other action beneficial to friendly forces. At the tactical level, PSYOP include face-to-face contact and the use of loudspeakers or other means to deliver PSYOP messages. PSYOP shape attitudes and influence behavior. The mere presence of Marine Corps forces may be a PSYOP activity in itself, bringing influence on a situation through a display of purpose. PSYOP may support military deception operations.

### **Definition**

Psychological operations are planned operations to convey selected information and indicators to foreign audiences to influence their emotions, motives, objective reasoning, and ultimately the behavior of foreign governments, organizations, groups, and individuals. (JP 1-02). See also MCWP 3-40.6 (formerly FMFM 3-53), *Psychological Operations*.

### **Psychological Operations Integration**

PSYOP is only one of the means available to influence enemy attitudes and behaviors. IO must broadly coordinate PA (the delivery of the truth), OPSEC (protection of friendly critical information), concealment and deception (creation of misleading perceptions), along with PSYOP (influencing people by conveying selected information).

### **Organization**

The Marine Corps has no dedicated PSYOP units. If requested, external PSYOP support may be provided by the US Army's 4th Psychological Operations Group (POG).

### **Employment**

During peacetime, PSYOP activities that support combatant commanders take the form of overt peacetime PSYOP programs. These programs are proposed by combatant commanders through the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff who, in turn, refers them to the assistant secretary of defense for special operations and low intensity conflict for review and approval. During contingencies, a PSYOP concept plan that is broad in scope is forwarded from the combatant commander to the joint staff for approval of overarching themes, objectives, and guidance, but not products. Once the concept plan is approved, a more detailed theater PSYOP plan is developed.

Approval authority for PSYOP may be maintained by the combatant commander or the JFC. MAGTF PSYOP actions must complement and support ongoing theater and joint force PSYOP activities.

The MAGTF will not normally identify, plan or execute complex PSYOP; e.g., those requiring detailed theme development, intricate target analysis or the use of sophisticated media. These missions will typically be conducted by external PSYOP units; e.g., US Army 4th POG, US Navy Fleet Tactical Readiness Group, US Air Force 193d Special Operations Group. However, the MAGTF commander is responsible for providing PSYOP support and conducting tactical PSYOP (primarily through words and actions) in support of the MAGTF's mission. The presence and actions of Marines on the battlefield has an inherent psychological impact on the enemy. Marines execute observable actions that support psychological objectives.

The enemy is likely to employ PSYOP to influence the local populace, attempt to weaken the political and military will of US forces, and degrade the US and world community support for military action. MAGTF counteractions should be tailored to limit the enemy's opportunities to exploit the presence of Marines and their actions for PSYOP purposes. Behavior may generate either negative or positive support from the local population. Detailed knowledge of the host nation's culture and individual self-discipline is required.

PSYOP may be integrated as a nonlethal fire support asset. PSYOP is planned by the G-3/S-3 and coordinated with PA and CMO.

### **Responsibilities**

Overall responsibility for the conduct of PSYOP falls under the cognizance of the G-3/S-3. A PSYOP officer is provided for at the MEF G-3

future operations section. If not on-hand within the MAGTF, a PSYOP officer may be appointed to provide control and management of the PSYOP effort and to meet liaison requirements.

### **Psychological Operations Support Agencies**

Contingency operations that require the activation of a JTF normally require the formation of a joint PSYOP task force (JPOTF). When established, the JPOTF is responsible for planning and supervising the joint PSYOP effort. The JPOTF is subordinate to the combatant commander or the JTF J-3. Liaison between Marine units serving as the Marine Corps force component of the JTF and the JPOTF is required.

The Army has the preponderance of PSYOP assets within the Department of Defense (DOD). There is one active component POG (4th POG, Ft Bragg, NC) with a worldwide capability and three reserve component POGs. A MAGTF serving as a JTF could result in 4th POG directly supporting the MAGTF.

The Air Force's 193d special operations group of the Pennsylvania National Guard flies the EC-130E Volant Solo. It provides an airborne radio and TV broadcast capability.

The Navy's fleet tactical readiness group provides equipment and technical maintenance support to conduct civil radio broadcasts and jam within radio frequency bands.

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